

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:443
ANSWERED ON:25.08.2000
SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a): whether the smuggling activities have been increasing for the last few years in Delhi, Mumbai and Goa and airports of these cities are becoming hub for smugglers;

(b): if so, the quantity of contraband material recovered and seized by the D.R.I. during the last two years; and

(c): the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to deal with the activities of smugglers in the country, particularly at Delhi, Mumbai and Goa airports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 443 FOR ANSWER ON 25.8.2000

(a): The reports available indicate an increasing trend in the seizure of smuggled goods, effected by the DRI and other field formations of the customs Department, in Delhi, Mumbai and Goa including airports of these cities. However, the intelligence available do not indicate that the airports of these cities have become hub for the smugglers.

(b): The value of contraband goods seized by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) during last three years i.e.1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 (upto 31.7.2000), at Delhi, Mumbai and Goa including the airports of these cities, are as under:-

VALUE OF GOODS SEIZED

SL.NO.	PLACE	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001 (upto July, 2000)
	(Rs. in Crores)			

(1)	Delhi	15.29	15.40	10.78
(2)	Mumbai	37.78	86.32	8.56
(3)	Goa	2.29	0.85	0.36

(c): All the field formations of the Customs department including DRI are ever vigilant and alert to detect & prevent smuggling of contraband goods, all over the country including the international airports. All the international airports including air cargo complexes have been provided with X-ray baggage machines for scanning of cargo. Besides Narcotics - cum - explosive detectors (IONSCANS) have been installed at four major international airports viz. Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai and Calcutta.